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1. IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE U.S.-ISRAELI
CONSULAR CONVENTION, WE WISH TO REVIEW WITH POSTS HOW THIS
IS TO BE DONE WITHOUT DISTURBING EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS RE-
LATING TO OUR POSITION ON STATUS OF JERUSALEM. ANY PROVIS-
ION IN CONVENTION (OR IN SEPARATE SIDE EXCHANGE) DESIGNED
TO PREEMPT POTENTIAL TROUBLES WOULD PRESUMABLY OFFEND
ISRAELIS. IT IS HARD TO SEE ISRAELIS AGREEING, FOR EXAMPLE,
THAT CONVENTION IS NOT TO APPLY TO CITY OF JERUSALEM AND
OUR CONGEN AT ALL, OR THAT IT IS TO APPLY ONLY TO WEST
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JERUSALEM, OR THAT EAST JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK PORTIONS OF
CONSULAR DISTRICT, BECAUSE BOTH ARE REGARDED BY U.S. AS
UNDER ISRAELI MILITARY OCCUPATION, ARE TO BE EXEMPT. BUT
IF SUCH MATTERS ARE IGNORED, WE WONDER IF CONCLUSION OF
CONVENTION MAY NOT OCCASION ISRAELI EFFORTS TO ALTER STATUS
QUO REGARDING, FOR INSTANCE, ACCREDITATION OF OUR JERUSALEM
PERSONNEL. WHILE U.S. COULD DISCLAIM ANY INTENT TO RECOG-

NIZE CHANGE IN JERUSALEM'S STATUS, CHANGES IN ARRANGEMENTS
WOULD HAVE POLITICAL IMPACT.

2. FOR TEL AVIV. COULD ISRAELIS CONSIDER PROVISION IN
CONVENTION WHICH MADE CLEAR THAT U.S. PRINCIPAL OFFICER
IN JERUSALEM IS NOT ACCREDITED TO GOI AND WHICH SPECIFIED
THAT RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CONSULAR OFFICERS DEFINED IN
CONVENTION ONLY RELATE, AS FAR AS OUR JERUSALEM PERSONNEL
ARE CONCERNED, TO THEIR FUNCTIONS INSIDE PRE-1967 BOUNDARIES OF ISRAEL?

3. FOR JERUSALEM. DOES UK, FRANCE, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY
REPRESENTED IN JERUSALEM HAVE CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH
ISRAEL AND, IF SO, HOW DOES SUCH CONVENTION DEAL WITH THESE
PROBLEMS? WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DESCRIPTION OF WAYS IN
WHICH U.S. PRESERVES PRINCIPLE OF NON-ACCREDITATION TO
ISRAEL OF OUR JERUSALEM POST AND PERSONNEL WHEN IN FACT
LATTER ARE DOCUMENTED BY GOI.

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